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Philadelphia 5<sup>th</sup> July 1792.

Sir,

I have the honor of submitting to your consideration copies of certain papers, which I have received from Canada. They contain information that some persons, acting under the authority of the State of Vermont, have attempted to exercise legal jurisdiction within districts & now occupied by the King's troops, and have committed acts of violence on the persons and property of British subjects residing under the protection of his Majesty's Garrisons.

At this period, when the grounds of the subsisting differences between our respective countries are become the subjects of serious and temperate discussion, I cannot but entertain the strongest confidence that the general government of the United States will entirely disapprove of the violent conduct observed by the State of Vermont upon this occasion, and will in consequence thereof adopt such measures as may be best calculated to prevent a repetition of it in future.

I have the honor to be, with Sentiments of the most perfect consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant  
{signed} Geo. Hammond.

W. Jefferson.

(copy)

Pursuant to express orders from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Vermont to us directed, These are to warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Alburgh qualified as the law directs to vote for town officers, to meet at the house of Michael Housingers on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June next at 10 O'clock in the morning for the following purposes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To chuse such civil officers as the law directs in the State.

And to do any other business that may be found necessary to be done on said day.

Given under our hands at Alburgh this 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1792.

{signed}

Samuel Mott } Justices  
Benj<sup>r</sup>. Marvin } of Peace.

Li

Wilmington June 10<sup>th</sup> 1792

I have received verbal information, that the Capt  
commanding at Point au fair, on the last weeks  
with a party of men under his command came to  
Albany and then in a hostile, violent and illegal  
manner obstructed and opposed Mr. Enos Wood, a  
Deputy Sheriff under Col. Pearl, High Sheriff of the  
County of Chittenden, in the execution of his  
office, <sup>Deputy</sup> and made him, together with two others,  
his assistants, prisoners. In order to know the  
particulars of this conduct, you are hereby re-  
quested, <sup>without loss of time</sup> to go to Albany and there make in-  
quiry and procure authentic evidence of the  
facts - and on your way, you will call on  
Major Hutchins, of the north Regt, who I am in-  
formed was present at this transaction, & know  
of him the circumstances - and also request him  
to be at Burlington on Wednesday next, when  
I shall be, & personally to give me what in-  
formation he has of the business. You will  
also call on Esq<sup>s</sup> Marvin and Mott of Albany  
and request them to give me particular infor-  
mation in writing whether the inhabitants  
of that town have organized agreeable to the  
orders I have heretofore given - and what ~~the~~  
is the appearance of the disposition of the  
people with respect to this government -

I am, &c -

J. Chittenden.

a Copy

Mr. Stanton

To Mr. Lewis Allen Pittston June 16<sup>th</sup> 1892  
Sir

I request that you will without  
loss of time repair to the city of Quebec  
and personally deliver to his Excellency  
Governor Clark, my letter herewith sent  
you — and wait a reasonable time for  
his answer. — I have also sent you  
copies of my affidavits, which you will  
make use of to ascertain the facts stated  
in my letter, should you find it ne-  
cessary. You will return as soon as  
the nature of the business will admit,  
and make known to me, such com-  
munications relative to this business as  
you may deem proper. — I am  
Sir your humble Servant.

Thos. Chittenden

~~Pittston June~~

To ~~Mr~~ Lewis Allen Esq  
Sir

You are hereby appointed and requested without loss of time to repair to the City of Quebec, and with your own hand deliver to the Governor or person administering the government of the province my letter herewith sent you and then wait a reasonable time for his answer — I have also sent you copies of sundry affidavits, which you will make use of to establish the facts stated in my letter, should you find it necessary — On your return you will immediately make known to me, such communications as you may obtain, relative to this business — I am,  
your humble serv<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>h</sup>iston June 16<sup>th</sup> 1772

W<sup>h</sup>iston  
(Huttenberg)  
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To the President of the United States -

Sir -

The unprovoked insult lately offered to this, and the United government by the commanding officer of a British Garrison within the jurisdiction of the United States; is so flagrant a breach of the Laws of Nations, and the late treaty with Great Britain; that I feel myself under obligations to give you the earliest information of it. I have inclosed you ~~many~~ affidavits, to which I refer you for the particulars. Inclosed also is a copy of my Letter to the Governor of Canada of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant. As soon as I receive an ~~an~~ answer I shall without loss of time, communicate it to you, together with such other circumstances as may hereafter come to my knowledge. -

Wellington June 16, 1792

I am with the greatest respect your  
Excellency very humble servant

True copy from the  
Original

signed Thos Chittenden -

Governor Chittenden  
Orders  
on the Service of the  
State

V/92

Copy of my Letter  
to the President of the  
U. States. June 16<sup>th</sup> 92.

No. 1 #8.

Wellington June 10<sup>th</sup> 1842  
 To His Excellency Alfred Clark Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Sir

A British Capt with <sup>armed</sup> force leaving  
 his post and penetrating eight or nine miles  
 within the acknowledged jurisdiction of the  
 Government, and then imprisoning an execu-  
 tive officer of this Government in the mean-  
 while execution of his office, and by force of  
 arms rescuing and withholding from him pro-  
 perty taken into custody by a civil process  
 for satisfying a just demand of debt; con-  
 veying the officer and two of his assistants  
 under guard at St John's and there confi-  
 ning them in a common guard house,  
 forcibly taking and detaining from him  
 the property he had been executing in  
 prisoning a justice of the peace under this  
 government while he was quiet in his own  
 house and carrying him to a British gar-  
 rison and there paroling him at a time  
 of open war; and all this at a time  
 of perfect tranquillity between the two govern-  
 ments, has an appearance both novel and  
 extraordinary — but as novel and extra-  
 ordinary as this may be, there are trans-  
 actions that have taken place by the com-  
 mand of De Chamberlaine, Captain at Fort  
 as far, within a few days past. I  
 feel myself therefore obliged immediately to  
 request from your excellency an explana-  
 tion of this unprecedented conduct and unpro-  
 voked insult upon the government of this  
 country, or at least to know whether it has  
 been done by with your excellency's know-  
 ledge, direction or on your approbation —  
 I am Sir your humble servant  
 Thomas Chatterton

Quebec 5<sup>th</sup> July 1792

Sir

Your letter of June the 16<sup>th</sup> delivered by M<sup>r</sup>. Levi Allen did not reach my hand till the 30<sup>th</sup> of that month.

Your representation leading to Questions beyond the sphere of my Trust, and being unaccompanied with the Proofs to be expected with Complaints of that kind, I can only give command for the Investigations to be obtained here on a Subject of such Importance to the Peace of the Borders.

If the Result shall be a Report affecting Points that belong to National Discussion, the information collected will go from me into such Channels as may bring the Report I receive with the Documents for its Verification under the Consideration of the Sovereignty I serve; and with these I shall not fail to transmit a copy of your letter.

His Excellency  
Governor Chittenden

I

I am to presume, that a similar  
Deference will be held by yourself, towards  
the Power, to which the State you Govern is  
reputed to be Subordinate; and I trust in the  
Wisdom of the Negotiations and Councils  
of the Sovereignities concerned, for the  
Maintenance of the Faith of Treaties, and  
the Preservation of the common Tranquility.

I am, Sir,

your very humble servant

Alured Clarke.

Philadelphia, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you sundry papers communicated to me by the British Minister residing here, which have been duly laid before the President of the United States, and further to solicit from your Excellency information as to the facts therein stated; and while I am authorized to assure you that the government is proceeding sincerely and steadily to obtain by the way of negotiation a relinquishment of our territory held by the British, I am at the same time to press that no measures be permitted in your state, which, by changing the present state of things in districts where the British have hitherto exercised jurisdiction, might disturb the peaceable and friendly discussion now in hand, and retard, if not defeat, an ultimate arrangement.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect and esteem,

Your Excellency's

most obedient &

most humble servant.

W. Jefferson

His Excellency the Governor  
of Vermont.

Sir,

Philadelphia July 12, 1792.

I had the honor of inclosing to you on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant copies of some papers I had received from the British minister here, and I have now that of forwarding some received from him this day. I must renew my entreaties to your Excellency that no innovation in the state of things may be attempted for the present. it is but lately that an opportunity has been afforded of pressing on the court of Gr. Britain our rights in the quarter of the pools, and it would be truly unfortunate if any premature measures on the part of your state should furnish a pretext for suspending the negotiations on this subject. I rely therefore that you will see the interest even of your own state in leaving to the general government the measures for recovering it's rights, and the rather as the wants to which they might lead are interesting to every state in the highest degree. I have the honor to be with sentiments of perfect respect Your Excellency;

Most Res<sup>d</sup>

& most humble serv<sup>t</sup>

The Governor of Vermont. *W. D. Johnson*

No 74

Oct 24 1857

(Copy)

Willyton 16<sup>th</sup> May 1792.

Gentlemen,

The Constitution and laws of this State require the executive Officers of Government to carry into effect the laws and Government of the same.

It is therefore incumbent on you as civil magistrates to execute your functions and cause Town officers to be appointed and sworn to a faithful discharge of their duty; it is incumbent also on the people to assist you to form such regulations in the town of Albany which is now unquestionably established within the bounds of this and the United States of America, and under the Government thereof.

In case there are any of the Inhabitants of said town that have sworn allegiance to the King and Government of Great Britain, such obligations cease with the Government and can be no obligation to a submission to the laws of this and the United States.

Would those people chuse to be under the British government, they must move within its limits, otherwise they ought to submit to the government of the State in which they live.

Your humble servant.  
(signed) Tho<sup>s</sup>. Chittenden.

W<sup>m</sup>. If your people refuse to pay attention to the above request I cannot think it will be long before this government will call on them in a different way to submit to the laws thereof. Should they be put to the necessity of taking so disagreeable a measure, I should not think strange should they be obliged to pay up all the back taxes, since you were represented, as some other towns in this State in like circumstances have done.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Merwin & Mott Esq<sup>rs</sup> and the People of the Townships of Albany.

(signed) T. C.

(Copy)

Chittenden County } To the Sheriff of Chittenden County, his Deputy  
State of Vermont } or either of the Constables of Albany, Greeting.

By the authority of the State of Vermont you are hereby required to attach the goods chattels or estate of Patrick Courroy and Minard Ysmaus or either of their goods Chattels or estates both of Albany in Chittenden County to the value of fifty pounds lawful money and them or either of them notify according to law and for want thereof to take their bodies or either Bodies if to be found within your precincts and them or either of them safely keep so that you have them or either of them before our Judges at Burlington at the next County Court to be held for the said County of Chittenden on the last Tuesday of September next save the then and there to answer unto Joseph Mott Junr. of Albany aforesaid in an action of trespass committed in destroying of timber cutting carrying off destroying fences and buildings and sundry more trespasses committed to the said Joseph Mott Junr. possession or improvement to the damage of the plaintiff as he says fifty pounds lawful money for the recovery whereof with just costs the Plaintiff brings this Suit. hereof fail not but of this writ and your doings herein make due return according to law. Dated the 11. day of June Anno Domini 1792.

(signed) Samuel Mott  
Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy Joseph Mott Junr. Constable - one grey horse his improvements his square oak timber that lays upon his Premises the property of Patrick Courroy and Minard Ysmaus attached.  
June the 12. A.D. 1792.

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His Excellency

FRID

The Governor of

Western Vermont

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Vermon't Belliston July 16<sup>th</sup> 1792

My

Before this time I conclude you have received my letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June Inclosing sundry affidavits relative to the abuses lately offered this as well as the united States by the officers & soldiers stationed at Point au Poy to gather with a copy of my letter to Lieut Governor Clarke upon the subject

I now have the Honor to transmit to your Excellency a copy of Governor Clarks answer to me I shall make no comments upon the equivocal and evasive manner in which it is written

As I was sensible that the conduct of this garrison might involve questions of national importance and draw a national discussion I took the earliest opportunity of transmitting to your Excellency the information I had received upon the subject but as the injury was more immediately felt by the Citizens of this State I consider myself justified in requesting of the Commanding officer at Quebec an explanation of so many and unprecedented abuses from that quarter Imposs. with the idea that what had been done was without his order or approbation I submit to your Excellency how far I have acted prudent in this business or what further or different measures I should have taken

I print it my duty further to observe that Alburgh is a tongue of land separate from the main land Point au Poy by the waters of Lake Champlain containing about sixteen thousand acres and is from three to ten miles distant from the garrison it contains between sixty & seventy heads of families including about five hundred souls

A

A part of the settlers possessed the Land as an old French  
seignory the other part as a grant under the authority  
of the State of Vermont. The former settlers finding  
their title Invalid and wishing to avail themselves  
of a title under Vermont in order to secure to themselves  
the reward of their toils assembled with the other  
Inhabitants and early in the month of June organized  
as a town agreeably to the laws of this State and  
took the necessary oaths to settle them. As to the  
privilege of freemen and citizenship within this State  
Land and are (a few only excepted) Solicitors not only to be protected  
but governed by the laws of this & the United States  
at the last Session of the Legislature in this State Two  
Justices were appointed resident at Alburgh who were  
soon after sworn in to office pursuant to their appointment  
<sup>the Inhabitants</sup> had not been the subjects of any civil government  
but the place had been so much a rendezvous for  
outlaws and fugitives from Justice as their names  
are now mentioning it is to be hoped that every attempt  
to defeat them will meet its deserved recompense

I have the honor to  
be your Obedient Servant  
H. A. A. A.

Copy

Copy of a letter to  
General Washington  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

1792

N<sup>o</sup> 10.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gideon Olmsted Speaker of the  
General Assembly. —

Sir

I have so much business in my office  
and my attendance with the Records of the  
State is required a considerable part of  
the Council of Censors — I find it impossible  
to attend regularly in the House — I have  
therefore appointed Lemuel Chipman  
Esq. Deputy Secretary who will wait on  
the House and do the necessary duty  
which may be required —

I am Sir with due respect

your most Obedt.

Thos. Kent.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1792 —

Thos. Kent —

An Act granting a new trial in  
the Court of Sessions.  
Oct: 15<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Charles H. Johnson  
Esq: of New York  
to the Hon: Speaker

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Burlington Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1792

I intended coming to Puttland  
but am under an Absolute Necessity of  
Going an Other way, therefore have im-  
plored you a Power of Atty. to Receive  
Whatever the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Legislature shall  
think Proper to award me for service  
done and moneys expended at the particular  
request of His Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> in  
Writing, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1792, which  
Order I received the 20<sup>th</sup> of the same month  
and in consequence thereof waited on the  
Governor for Instructions respecting  
the business, and at some disadvan-  
tage hired the money necessary for  
Expenses

(Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1792)

Sir,

I am, Sir, the bearer of a communication from the Legislature of this State, and of a resolution approved by the President of the Senate, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1792, of which the enclosed is a copy. The more important business of the Legislature is, I am, assured the only reason why the object contemplated by this resolution has not previously engaged the attention of the Legislature.

(Permit me Sir to request, without such legal proceedings as the Legislature may in their wisdom deem expedient to order, as you are the holder of my office may require, to my intervention the issue of a writ of Habeas Corpus in this district.)

I enclose the liberty of enclosure the writ of Habeas Corpus which I feel my duty will require. The purpose intended by it.

I am, Sir, the bearer of the

enclosed papers to the

Sir, I am, Sir, the bearer of the

enclosed papers.

I am, Sir, the bearer of the  
enclosed papers to the  
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enclosed papers to the  
Sir, I am, Sir, the bearer of the

Expenses all but two dollars which Gen.  
Spafford furnished on the Creation, and  
that going to Quebec Express by post and  
remaining there till the Council meet &  
and returning cost me between sixty and  
seventy dollars, and the 16th day of July  
I was honored with your comp. and  
Col. Pearls to Williston to deliver the letter  
from Gover. Clark to Gov. Chittenden.

I have only to add I hope the legislature  
will not pay me half in ~~flour~~ as this was  
more like an Express than an Embassy, and  
no extra honor to me who have been  
honored with a Commissioner under the  
Seal of this State ~~to~~ <sup>in</sup> private  
commerce &c

By Virtue of the Letter of Atty. you  
will make out and lay in a Memorial  
al or any Other Writing the business  
may require.

Your Family are well

Atty. Allen joins me in  
Compliments Sir Yrs

S. W. Allen

S. H. H. Esq

Burlington 23<sup>d</sup> October 1792

Sir,

I flatter myself the honor of communicating this news to the Legislature of this State, a resolution of Congress approved by the President of the United States the 23<sup>d</sup> September 1791 of which the enclosed is a copy. The more important business of the Legislature is, I am, assured the only reason why this object contemplated by this resolution has not previously engaged the share of their attention.

Permit me Sir to request, that such steps may be taken in the Legislature may in their wisdom deem expedient to enable you as the duties of my office may require effectually to carry into execution the laws of the United States within this district.

I take the liberty to enclose the draft of a Bill in which I flatter myself will answer the purposes intended by it.

I have the honor to be

~~your most obedient servant~~

Yours

most obedt servant

Wm. B. Ewing

Wm. B. Ewing  
Secretary of the House  
of Representatives

Wm. B. Ewing  
of the district of  
Columbia

The General Assembly  
 Nov<sup>r</sup> 2, 1792  
 Read & referred to the Com-  
 mittee appointed to amend  
 the Act for regulating Gaming  
 Houses - Attest & Whittington Clerk

Attest  
 I have only one witness  
 John R. Smith  
 John R. Smith  
 John R. Smith

Done at the Court  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> 1793  
 Vermont  
 Legue -

Sir

Rutland 5 November - 1792

As a member of the House of Representatives for the State of Vermont, & under the strongest obligations of ~~Solemn~~ Oath to do every thing for the best Interests & Honour of the State - I am <sup>in conscience bound</sup> ~~obliged~~ in support of the Dignity of the State & the honest feelings of every Citizen thereof - to inform this Honorable House, That on Saturday last, <sup>Samuel</sup> Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Lott Hall, Mr. Daniel <sup>Samuel</sup> ~~Ferrand~~ ~~& Mr. Lott~~ ~~Hall~~, came into this Honorable House in such a Situation by reason of Intemperance, as rendered them incapable of transacting the business of this House with Diliberation & behaved themselves in a Manner unbecoming Members of this House - at the same time, <sup>being</sup> sensible of the imperfection of my fellow creatures; and deeply impressed with Sentiments of Respect for the Gentlemen & acknowledging their Ability & Utility; I sincerely wish that the Honorable House in consideration of their Reputation & past Services; would act in this matter with Dignity, Candour & Diliberation - & that in the midst of Justice, they would remember Mercy

Sam<sup>l</sup> Clark

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Speaker of the House  
at Rutland

Dear Sir,  
You: Remem<sup>r</sup> the reason why I wanted my Charter for my  
last tract of Eleven Thousand and forty Acres which is now in your  
hands, should be finished and dated the day of the Grant, Was to prevent  
the operation of any attachment Sir Allyn might lay on it, which  
I had Information he intended, which you did not at that time believe  
but which I am informed has since happened, therefore you see the  
propriety of guarding against it, therefore wish you would certify  
on the back of the Patent or Charter, agreeable to the Certificate I  
have sent by M<sup>r</sup>. Ames by whom I have sent the money to pay the  
Charter fee, As the Charter was signed sealed <sup>Dated</sup> and very way complicated  
and left in your hands to record you will have an undoubted right to  
certify as I have desired and that will put the matter out of all doubt  
about the operation of the Attachment of Allyn.

I have not sent the money I owe you by M<sup>r</sup>. Ames As the People  
with whom I have contracted refuse to pay the money agreed on,  
till the Debt is recorded and the title made sure, which occasions a  
delay and the sending M<sup>r</sup>. Ames to Bryon River for that purpose  
and I shall wait here till his return, I immediately after which I  
shall return home and will wait on you, Beg you: give him all  
the dispatch you can

I am Your very Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Samuel Avery

New York 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1792

Co<sup>d</sup> Tray

Thus may Certify that the within Patent was dated and sealed  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 27 1792 and left in my hands to record  
and deliver to the within named James Avery on his paying  
the Patent fee, and the fee was paid the 28 day of December  
1792 and the Patent delivered to him this day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1792

Attest before Me  
Avery  
Dec: 25 Dec 1792  
for Wm Avery

Ed Joseph Day

Edmundo  
State of Vermont



Birmingham 25<sup>th</sup> Decr 1792

Hon. Sir

I enclose you a Charter which I filled out for Mr. Samuel Berry at Shulton on a Blank which you signed to him last fall at Windsor dated 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. as you will see by the Charter, Nothing remains to be done after a certificate is obtained from the Treasurer of the Granting fees being paid. Excepting Allens attachment being laid on since the Grant of before the fees are paid, <sup>may make a difficulty</sup> I submit to your Excellency whether the Charter may not bear date according to the Grant provided I alter the time of its passing the Secretarys Office & recording of it, to the day the fees are paid, I filled the Charter not expecting any difficulty would arise, but I would not venture to deliver it without your Excellencys approbation, of which I believe you need not have doubt giving as I have been particular to procure every necessary document required by Law for the purpose. I enclose the Resolution Assembly directing the Charter to be signed which your Excellency will please to return to me to keep as a Voucher, I shall request Mr. Harris (who will deliver you this) to pay you Mr. Berry's note for former <sup>Charter</sup> Granting fees — Mr. Harris will also wait on you to execute the Charter to Mr. Joy & Mr. Corinn which I have also examined & which appears to be agreeable to the Grant, Excepting the reservation of public Land which is only six hundred acres, whereas it should be <sup>the value</sup>

the amount of ~~three~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~rights~~ of 354 acres each which  
would amount <sup>to</sup> 1062 acres. I submit to your  
Excellency the propriety of executing the ~~Grant~~  
Charter unless it ~~complies~~ <sup>coincides</sup> with the Grant, if your  
Excellency judges proper you can sign the Charter  
giving me directions in the business which I  
shall observe. I make any attestation you think proper —

I rec'd your Excellency's letter enclosing  
a letter to Governor Clinton, a petition to the Legislature  
of N York, with Major Chipman's appointment, and  
have executed all your directions, but Mr. Smith is not  
yet gone to N York. Mr. Dickerson tells me that Mr. Smith  
will bring forward his action against you, I will see  
him to morrow and pay every attention as tho it  
was my own. I shall write you on the subject,  
I ~~am~~ have the Honor to be your Excellency's sincere  
friend and most obedient

Humble servant

Joseph Hay

True Copy of My letter  
to Govt Christendom

25 Dec: 1792 by

W. Armes